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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Anthony Robert Milnes COATES

and Yanmin HU entitled "SCREENING PROCESS

FOR ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS"

Our Ref: Q-64007

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior PCT Application No. PCT/GB99/03728, filed November 9, 1999, of Anthony Robert MILNES and Yanmin HU entitled "SCREENING PROCESS FOR ANTIBACTERIAL AGENTS".

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 111(a). Enclosed is the specification, including the claims, Abstract and 3 sheets of drawings.

A Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously herewith.

The Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment, priority documents and Information Disclosure Statement (along with a complete_copy of each reference) will be submitted at a later date.

Priority is claimed from <u>November 9, 1999</u>, based on <u>PCT/GB99/03728</u>; <u>November 9, 1998</u>, based on Great Britain Application No. <u>GB 9824553.3</u>; <u>November 9, 1998</u>, based on U.S. Provisional Appln. No. <u>60/107,655</u>; and <u>April 29, 1999</u>, based on Great Britain Application No. <u>9909962.4</u>, respectively.

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A check for the statutory filing fee, in the amount of \$710.00, is attached hereto.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

The Assistant Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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